

# Health News Release

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### State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a healthcare provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

# **Clark County**

In May 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Shawna Eileen Hebert** (RN00162525) with unprofessional conduct after learning that the Oregon State Board of Nursing put her on probation for 24 months in 2013 because she diverted controlled substances.

## **King County**

In May 2014 the Occupational Therapy Board ended conditions on the credential of occupational therapist **Douglas Leroy Allison** (OT00003867).

In May 2014 the Dental Commission filed a second amended statement of charges against dentist **Kam Derakshani** (DE00007712) to add that in 2014 Derakshani was convicted of third-degree rape, attempted third-degree rape, and fourth-degree assault with sexual motivation. Derakshani's license is suspended pending conclusion of these discipline proceedings.

In May 2014 the Dental Commission conditionally granted a dental assistant credential to **Joy Yvonne McIntyre** (D160389776). In 1993 McIntyre was convicted of third-degree criminal trespass. In 2013 she was charged with two counts of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud or forged prescription, two counts of second-degree identity theft, and one count of first-degree criminal impersonation. She entered into a diversion agreement with the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and received a one-year stay on the criminal charges.

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In April 2014 the Nursing Commission ended conditions on the credentials of registered nurse **Estera Tamas**, also known as Estera Gradinaru (RN00174148).

In May 2014 the Psychology Board charged psychologist **Brenda Lynn Stoelb** (PY00003748) with unprofessional conduct. Stoelb, while working at an industrial rehabilitation center, allegedly consumed alcohol before interviewing a patient and was visibly intoxicated during the interview. Charges say Stoelb told a Department of Health investigator she had used alcohol during the work day at other times, leaving the office to drink alcohol in her car and then returning to interview patients.

In May 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Wondu G. Tanetse** (NA60187481, NC60190437) with unprofessional conduct after the state Department of Social and Health Services found that Tanetse abused a vulnerable adult while working at a nursing home. He's prohibited from being employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

# **Kitsap County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program ended conditions on the credentials of registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Carolyn Rae Bjorkheim**, also known as Carolyn R. Johanns (NA00137677, NC60340731).

## **Lewis County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials to **Sara Diana Vasquez** (NA60339413, NC60358470) and ordered her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Between 2005 and 2013 Vasquez was convicted of a felony, 10 gross misdemeanors, and one misdemeanor.

#### **Okanogan County**

In April 2014 the Physical Therapy Board modified a 2013 agreement with physical therapist **Justin L. Schober** (PT00008835) that changes from one to three years the time he has to complete an ethics and boundaries program.

#### **Pierce County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program agreed to reinstate the certified nursing assistant credential of **John Vernon Thomas** (NC10007029) and placed him on probation for at least two years. His credential was suspended in 2009 after he provided false documentation that he mailed packages for a resident of a nursing home where he worked.

In April 2014 the Nursing Commission ended probation for licensed practical nurse **Catherine Margaret Ervin** (LP00038858).

In May 2014 the Physical Therapy Board conditionally granted a physical therapy assistant credential to **Jessica Renee Bryan** (P160283624), placed her on probation and ordered her to

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undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2012 Bryan was charged with driving while intoxicated, which was later amended to first-degree negligent driving. In 2014 she was convicted of harassment, obstructing a law enforcement officer, and resisting arrest.

In May 2014 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician **Alisa Nicole Ring** (VB00058422, VA60337972) with unprofessional conduct. Four times, Ring allegedly presented forged prescriptions for controlled substances. Charges say she admitted knowing that the prescriptions were forged, and that she presented them so she could sell the drugs.

# **Skagit County**

In May 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program agreed to reinstate the certified nursing assistant credential of **Sheril M. Salgado** (NC10064202). Her license was suspended in 2008 after she was convicted of two gross misdemeanors.

# **Snohomish County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Commission reinstated the registered nurse credential of **Anne M. Walgamott** (RN00167484). Her license was suspended in 2008 after she didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In May 2014 the Hearing and Speech Board conditionally granted a hearing instrument fitter and dispenser credential to **Charles Thomas Redmon** (HA60357984) and placed him on probation for at least two years. For about nine months in 2013, Redmon practiced and represented himself as a hearing instrument fitter and dispenser without having a credential.

## **Spokane County**

In May 2014 the Dental Commission conditionally granted a dental assistant credential to **Abigail Ruth Murphy** (D160448712) and ordered her to undergo a substance abuse evaluation. In 2011 Murphy was convicted of first-degree negligent driving, second-degree assault, and first-degree extortion.

In May 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Kimberley A. Norman** (NA00199503, NC60012288).

#### **Thurston County**

In May 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **James Grant Starliper**, also known as James Grant Starr (CO60325861).

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In April 2014 the Nursing Commission modified an agreement with registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Jeanette G. Revay** (RN00074524, AP30005089) to place her on probation. Revay concealed her disciplinary history when she applied to become a "core provider," qualifying her for reimbursement through the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

## **Whatcom County**

In May 2014 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy technician **Tammy P. Jacobsen** (VA00013093) with unprofessional conduct. Jacobsen allegedly admitted diverting about \$35,000 worth of controlled substances, legend drugs, and over-the-counter medications from pharmacies where she worked, as well as stealing money. Jacobsen hasn't responded to a commission inquiry.

## **Out of State**

**California:** In May 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Juhui Wang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Wang, who has no massage credential, allegedly provided massage services to a client.

California: In May 2014 the Medical Commission charged physician Patrick C. Freyne (MD60114676) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Freyne's care for a patient who subsequently died was below standard. Freyne allegedly didn't recognize the conditions affecting the patient, that the patient was getting sicker and wasn't stable for surgery. Freyne allegedly appears to have ignored another physician's chart notes while keeping inadequate chart notes himself, didn't document discussion with the patient's spouse or with other physicians, and didn't communicate with a surgeon about the patient's worsening condition. He hasn't responded to commission inquiries.

**Utah:** In April 2014 the Dental Commission conditionally granted a dental credential to **Kathleen McCombs O'Dell** (DE60413286) and ordered her to undergo a substance abuse evaluation. Her Utah dental license and her anesthesia permit were reinstated in 2008. In 2004 her Utah dental license was placed on probation and her anesthesia permit was suspended.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

The <u>Department of Health website</u> (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.